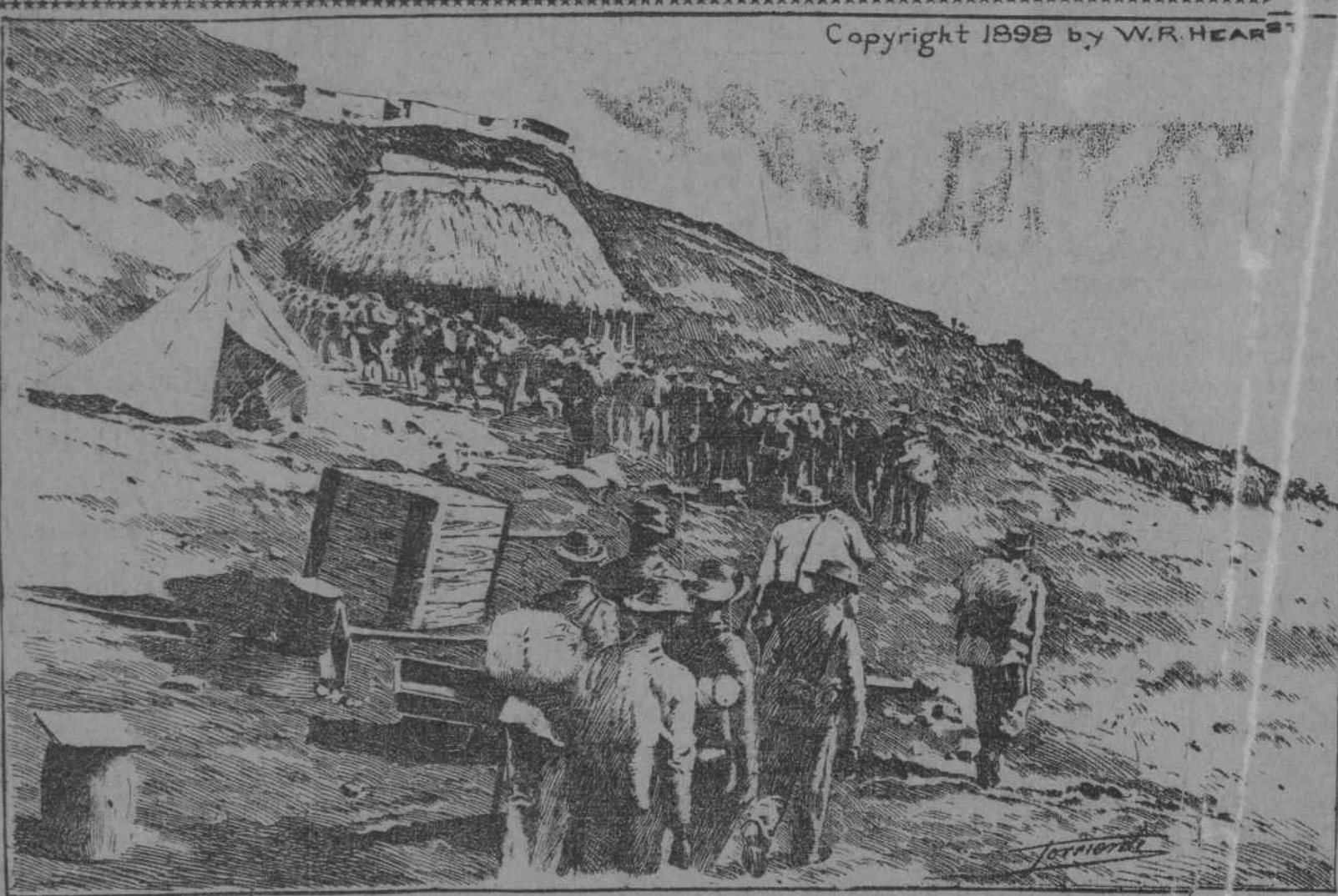


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SPANISH PRISONERS AT EL CANEY.

(From a Photograph Taken by William Bengough, Special Journal Artist, at the Front.)

These Spaniards were captured by General Lawton, and are being taken to the stone fort, at the edge of the town. The after the fiercest fighting that was done near Santiago.

General Lawton advanced rapidly on El Caney. The enemy's sharpshooters galled them fearfully and volleys came from the Spaniards were well concealed, their smokeless powder giving them a splendid advantage. Officers rushed from one end of our line upon the men to be firm. When the word was given our men jumped to their feet and charged right up to the fort, and turning it with a struggle at last, taking about one hundred prisoners.

Jones," a signal officer in charge of the terminus of the military line at Playa, and read as follows:

Playa, July 15.

The commissioners appointed to arrange the details of the surrender held a meeting yesterday, lasting until a late hour. They met again this morning at 9:30 o'clock, and it is supposed the terms will be settled to-day.

Fear Toral Is Tricky.

General Shafter's late dispatch created great irritation in the War Department and in Administration circles generally.

It was construed to mean that Toral, after having promised to surrender, with the understanding that he and his troops would be shipped to Spain, is endeavoring to treat for terms.

In connection with the dispatches in the morning papers from Madrid and Havana, to the effect that Blanco had instructed Toral to resist to the end, Shafter's telegram assumed a deep significance.

All day the War Department had been chafing, and the opinion was privately but freely expressed that the Spanish commissioners were being given too great latitude and too long a time to consider the simple categorical proposition for the surrender of a city, a given military jurisdiction and a known number of prisoners.

Not Too Late to Bombard.

As a result of the conference between the President and his advisers, a telegram was sent to Shafter something to this effect:

"If Spanish commander declines to adhere to the understood proposition, stop negotiations and begin to bombard."

The President, it is understood, directed the sending of this message.

While this is expected to bring Toral to terms without further parley, the order will be carried out unless the dilly-dallying is promptly stopped, or some valid reason is given for continued negotiations.

Alger Sees Duplicity.

Secretary Alger, as soon as the late bulletin was posted, hurried over to the White House, where Shafter's telegram had preceded him.

The Secretary declined to construe the telegram for publication, but he is known to have said that he regarded Toral's finessing simply a manoeuvre for more time, which placed upon the Spanish General a grave suspicion of diplomatic duplicity.

The Adjutant-General was inclined to view the situation more lightly. He thought the delay characteristic of the Spanish people, with the surrender to be ultimately accomplished, as desired by this Government.

No one in the War Department doubts, however, that the negotia-

tions have been unnecessarily prolonged.

Some officers declare that Shafter should have demanded the unconditional surrender of Toral, letting him trust to our military honor to send the prisoners back to Spain, a detail the President had agreed to execute in good faith.

Must Decide, and Quickly.

The answer sent to General Shafter, in addition to ordering him to bring Toral up with a good round turn, is understood to have conveyed the Administration's belief that the delay has thus far injured to the benefit of the enemy.

The procrastination of the Spaniards might mean a final rejection of all terms, and the matter must certainly be settled right away.

The President and his advisers see that Toral might eventually withdraw from the convention already agreed to, giving as a reason that Blanco had sent no final instructions, or that his instructions were misunderstood, or that he (Toral) misapprehended the purport of Shafter's proposition.

Secretary Alger was unable to tell from General Shafter's phraseology, whether the final surrender was to have taken place to-day, the 15th, or "to-morrow," the 16th.

McKinley Wants News.

The President has been much irritated at General Shafter's failure to report from time to time the progress of the conference, which began yesterday, was continued late last night and was resumed this morning, with only speculation and negative results, so far as the War Department claims to have been informed.

It is clear that every day of delay now adds to the list of yellow fever victims, and the suspicion is expressed that Blanco and Toral, realizing this, have determined to give the fever all the opportunity they can.

It is also thought possible that the Spaniards have learned of Sampson's positive statement that he could not enter the harbor with safety.

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tisements for bids to transport the prospective prisoners to Spain.

Colonel Hecker, who has charge of this matter, said to-day the publication of the plan of the Government to advertise for bids, as told in to-day's Journal, was premature, but that such was the intention of the department.

The Surgeon-General's department is much wrought up over the delay.

Until Santiago is taken the troops cannot be moved to the highlands, out of the sphere of yellow fever influence.

Deaths from Yellow Fever.

This bureau of the War Department received information to-day that yesterday there were only twenty-three cases of actual yellow fever in the army at Santiago, and that three had died.

The shortness of the sick list is gratifying, but the mortality rate is alarming. Should the sickness become general and this rate be maintained, the army would be decimated. The unofficial reports place the number of persons infected at more than 150.

Surgeon-General Sternberg telegraphed to hurry the recruited immune surgeons and nurses to Santiago at once. The probabilities are that the entire American army will be held in Santiago Province until the various infected regiments are officially declared to be free from yellow fever.

TORAL GAVE IN NONE TOO SOON.

Our Fleet and Artillery Were Quite Ready to Destroy Santiago.

Off Aguadures, July 14, 3 P. M. Port Antonio, July 15.—When, soon after 2 P. M. to-day, Admiral Sampson received the fact that General Toral had surrendered, the Admiral and his staff were credited the story.

Whether Morro Castle and the batteries above the harbor will also surrender at 3 o'clock this afternoon, a matter of conjecture. At that hour the Spaniards still floated above Morro Castle, a Spanish force still clustered about earthworks and batteries.

With the American army on San Juan, however, further resistance of the harbor batteries would be absolutely unnecessary.

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The article ordered to investing in town was made. Acting as a ton, however, proposed surrender.

General Shafter again proposed to allow the Spaniards to remain in the city, and order was issued to prepare for an attack at noon to-day, at the extended armistice expired.

The city was already under a general bombardment, and would have been captured by the morning if the Spaniards had not surrendered. The order was issued to prepare for an attack at noon to-day, at the extended armistice expired.

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WHAT MRS. PORTER SAW AT SIBONEY.

Washington, July 15.—Mr. John Addison Porter, Secretary to the President, has received a long and interesting letter from his wife, who is near Santiago, engaged in Red Cross work.

Mrs. Porter gives a vivid picture of the conditions prevailing at Siboney and other points near Santiago. She says that if it had not been for the Red Cross hundreds of refugees, chiefly women and children, would have died from starvation. With the large store of supplies the society was enabled to do good work among the afflicted of all classes and nations. Mrs. Porter says that the net of the Spaniards in firing into Red Cross ambulances containing sick and wounded was the most dastardly known in the history of warfare.

OUR CENSOR FOR BLANCO'S MESSAGES.

Washington, July 15.—Captain-General Blanco, at Havana, will be deprived of all means of communication with the Government at Madrid except through a strict censorship when the American army formally takes possession of Santiago. General Shafter will direct immediately on taking charge of the city that the American operators be placed in the telegraph office there. The Signal officials will maintain a censorship of everything that is offered for transmission from Havana over the cable leading to Havre or to Jamaica, and nothing will be permitted to be sent which is in any way injurious to the interests of this Government.

PRIZE NICKERSON TAKEN TO KEY WEST.

Key West, Fla., July 15.—The British schooner E. R. Nickerson, which was captured June 30 by the Hornet, Hist and Wampatuck, off Cape Cruz, while attempting to run the blockade into Manzanillo, was brought here this morning by a prize crew under Lieutenant Donga. She has a cargo of provisions, bags and goats. She had a crew of negroes, and two passengers were on board. She was bound from Jamaica.

REAR ADMIRAL A PRIZE COMMISSIONER.

Washington, July 15.—Rear Admiral A. K. K. Benham, retired, has been appointed a prize commissioner for the district of Georgia. Lieutenant-Commander J. M. Hawley has been detached from the recruiting rendezvous at Port Huron, Mich., and ordered to duty at the recruiting rendezvous at Chicago, relieving Lieutenant-Commander H. Vail, retired, who has been ordered to duty at the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

PRESIDENT NAMES FOUR BRIGADIERS.

Washington, July 15.—The President to-day made the following army appointments: To be brigadier-generals of volunteers—William S. Worth, Edward P. Pearson, Emerson H. Liscum, Ezra P. Ewers. To be assistant adjutant-generals, with rank of major, John H. Miley.

LINE DIRECT TO MANILA SOON.

Seattle, Wash., July 15.—Shipping men here believe that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company intends to establish a line to Manila. They have their opinion on the matter in which the troop ships Senator and City of Puebla were fitted out, the equipment of the vessels indicating that their service to the Philippines is not to be temporary.

MAIL BOAT CHOSEN FOR SANTIAGO.

Tampa, Fla., July 15.—The Plant steamship Olivette has been selected by Superintendent L. M. Terrell as mail boat between Tampa and Santiago. The Peru was detailed for this work, but Superintendent Terrell to-day decided she was too slow, and selected the Olivette, which is in service as hospital boat.

CONGRESSMAN WANTS TO GO TO THE FRONT.

Washington, July 15.—Representative James H. Lewis, of Washington, to-day tendered his services as a field officer in the volunteer army, and feels assured, unless prevented by a peace movement, of an appointment as inspector of ordnance.

General Shafter held a leave before he was disappointed, and was congratulated and complimented by all. He immediately appointed General Wheeler, General Lawton and Captain Miley to be commissioners on his behalf to treat with those appointed by General Toral.

He then issued orders to permit our troops to retire from the trenches, but absolutely forbidding any one, soldier or civilian, from going into the Spanish lines.

The refugees are to be permitted to return to their homes, but neither our troops nor the Cuban auxiliaries are to be permitted to enter the city proper.

A guard is to be maintained about the city, and the camps of our soldiers are to be removed first to